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ENGLISH I

Item Sampler



Tennessee End of Course Assessment

English I Form 5

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Introduction to English I

Content of tests

The testing program titled the *Tennessee End of Course Assessment* was established to meet the Tennessee mandate for end of course assessments in Tennessee secondary schools. These tests measure the Tennessee State Performance Indicators. Subject areas covered by the end of course assessments include Mathematics, Language Arts, History, and Science.

Test development

For the *Tennessee End of Course Assessment*, a staff of writers – composed of both teachers and professional test developers experienced in each of the content areas – researched and wrote the items. Professional editors and content specialists carefully reviewed all items and test directions for content and accuracy. To provide a large pool of items for final test selection, the test developers created approximately twice as many items as were needed in the final editions of the tests.

After tryout tests were administered, student responses were analyzed. Professional content editors and researchers carefully reviewed items, their data, and test directions for content, suitability, and accuracy before including particular items and test directions in operational tests.

Test administration

Tennessee End of Course Assessments are given to students as they near the end of courses that are included in the program. Tests may be given midyear for block schedules or at the end of the school year.

You will have ample time to read and answer each of the questions. The English I test has been designed to be administered in one session and is not timed.* The first 15 minutes are set aside to complete identifying data on the answer sheet.

I* The English I test formerly featured a 110-minute time limit.

Tips for Taking the Test

Preparing for the test

- Review this Tennessee End of Course Item Sampler for English II carefully and thoroughly.
- Acquire the ELSA Tennessee End of Course Practice Test for English II, and take the test several times.
- Become familiar with the correct way to mark answers on the answer sheet. There is a sample answer sheet in this Practice Test.

Before the test

- Get a good night's sleep. To do your best, you need to be rested.

During the test

- Relax. It is normal to be somewhat nervous before the test. Try to relax and not worry.
- Listen. Listen to and read the test directions carefully. Ask for an explanation of the directions if you do not understand them.
- Plan your time. Do not spend too much time on any one question. If a question seems to take too long, skip it and return to it later. First answer all questions that you are sure about.
- Think. If you are not sure how to answer a question, read it again and try your best to answer the question. Rule out answer choices that you know are incorrect and choose from those that remain.

Directions for Using the Item Sampler

This Item Sampler for English I provides specific information to students and teachers. It contains examples of different item types for each Performance Indicator that may be tested in any given end of course test administration. Performance Indicators have been grouped by Reporting Categories. These Reporting Categories will be used to report information regarding performance on the end of course test to students, teachers, schools, and systems.

The items in this Item Sampler will not be found in the end of course tests. The number of items in this Item Sampler does not reflect the emphasis of content on the test. In order to identify the emphasis of content, the End of Course Assessment Practice Test English I should be used. The Practice Test gives a better representation of content emphasis across Reporting Categories and Performance Indicators.

An Answer Key is located in Page 65. Use it to check your answers. Review items that you get wrong.

Read the poem and answer questions 13 through 20.

Uprooted

Chance blows in, a sudden gust of wind
threatening to leave me behind
quivering and quaking in its wake.

But I am determined this time.
It is only when I try to leave
that I realize how deep my roots have grown.

It takes effort to pull myself from
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Read this excerpt from the poem.

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Which sentence pattern is used in the excerpt?

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- ☐ **D** subject – action verb – direct object – object complement



The familiar world is suddenly foreign,
breathtaking and dazzling from this dizzying new height
and I understand what you have been telling me all my life.

This view is worth the possibility of falling.

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Based on the context of this poem,
what does the word erratic mean?

- ☐ A exotic
- ☐ B unfamiliar
- ☐ C dangerous
- ☐ D unpredictable



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Which word could replace warm to
strengthen the description?

- ☐ A hot
- ☐ B kind
- ☐ C snug
- ☐ D tepid



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What can the reader infer about the speaker of the poem?

- ☐ **A** The speaker has wanted to make a change for some time.
- ☐ **B** The speaker was confused about what to do next.
- ☐ **C** The speaker once lived somewhere else.
- ☐ **D** The speaker needed someone to help.



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Choose the correct word to complete the analogy.

Photograph is to wistful as gift is to _____.

- ☐ **A** apathetic
- ☐ **B** energetic
- ☐ **C** successful
- ☐ **D** thankful



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Read this stanza from the poem.

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me all my life.

In the stanza, which tone does the author use and which mood does it create in the reader?

- ☐ **A** The tone is carefree, and the mood is serene.
- ☐ **B** The tone is excited, and the mood is uplifting.
- ☐ **C** The tone is bewildered, and the mood is tense.
- ☐ **D** The tone is frightened, and the mood is concerned.



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**Which sound and metric device is
used in the third line of the stanza?**

- ☐ **A** internal rhyme
- ☐ **B** blank verse
- ☐ **C** free verse
- ☐ **D** slant rhyme



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Because this poem expresses the personal feelings of the poet, it is best categorized as which type of poem?

- ☐ A dramatic
- ☐ B ballad
- ☐ C lyric
- ☐ D epic



Read this excerpt from a short story.

Marco knew that the rest of the track team was watching as he fought for position in the race. The afternoon sun beat mercilessly upon him, but he continued to pump his arms rhythmically. Marco sped ahead of everyone else; only one opponent remained next to him. With muscles groaning in protest, Marco launched himself forward, increasing his pace and taking the lead. He crossed the finish line in first place and a sea of smiling faces immediately engulfed him.

Which is a paraphrase, not a summary, of the excerpt?

- ☐ **A** Marco was on the track team. It was very hot and he felt his muscles groaning. Marco pumped his arms and ran until he was in the lead. He won the race and everyone was happy. Marco worked hard to get in the right position to win.
- ☐ **B** Marco worked hard to win a race. Eventually, only Marco and one other opponent had a chance to win the race. Marco ran faster and was able to win the race, and his friends congratulated him.
- ☐ **C** It was hot and Marco was running. He wanted to win his race and knew that his team was watching him. Marco gained the lead and won the race. Marco was able to win because he pushed himself to run faster.
- ☐ **D** The sun beat down on the track. Marco wanted to win his race. His team was watching him battle to the front of the pack. Finally, Marco had only one person left to beat. Marco felt tired but he lunged forward and ran faster. He crossed the finish line in first place. Everyone ran out to congratulate him.

Identify the most effective strategies for working with a team.

- ☐ **A** listen to all ideas presented; allow certain members to speak; share some of your resources
- ☐ **B** listen to each person; take turns speaking to ensure equality; consider all ideas presented
- ☐ **C** identify the needs of the team; allow time for personal discussions; choose the topic before the meeting
- ☐ **D** assign parts to each person; take control of the meeting to ensure efficiency; allow discussion of a few ideas

Read this excerpt from a story.

The clouds hung heavily above the campers' heads. A low growl of thunder sounded in the distance, and the bare trees promised to offer little shelter from rain.

"I suppose we had better plan on a wet night," Ling sighed as he and his father crawled into the tent. The sparse woods grew quiet around them, as if anticipating the coming storm.

What mood does the setting establish?

- ☐ **A** lonely
- ☐ **B** desolate
- ☐ **C** terrifying
- ☐ **D** foreboding

Read this advertisement.

Armstrong Outdoors services all brands of lawn sprinklers. We can handle lawn sprinkler rerouting for pools and installation of pump and drainage systems. We also install landscape lighting, playground equipment, and even outdoor entertainment systems. Our employees come prepared for any job. One call does it all!

Which image would be the best addition to the advertisement?

- ☐ **A** a green lawn with large trees
- ☐ **B** a family swimming in a pool
- ☐ **C** an employee with a tool kit
- ☐ **D** a sprinkler system diagram

Look at the photo.



What can be inferred from this photo?

- ☐ **A** The girl is too tired to walk.
- ☐ **B** The boy dislikes pulling the wagon.
- ☐ **C** The boy and the girl are brother and sister.
- ☐ **D** The girl and the boy are playing in the yard.

Which sentence shows correct pronoun/antecedent agreement?

- ☐ **A** Every night, the soccer team meets its coach at the field to practice.
- ☐ **B** The class will take their final exam for the semester tomorrow.
- ☐ **C** The marching band is excited to go to their first competition.
- ☐ **D** The student council disagrees about their budget analysis.

Read these sentences.

As we walked in the main doors of the museum, the beautiful yet antiquated furniture impressed us. The collection must have taken years to acquire.

Based on the context of these sentences, what does antiquated mean?

- ☐ **A** old
- ☐ **B** worn
- ☐ **C** modern
- ☐ **D** expensive

Read this sentence.

Carrie knew there was no account she could give for her tardiness that would satisfy Ms. Elmsley.

ac·count (noun) 1. a record of debt and credit entries 2. a statement explaining one's actions 3. a measure of value, importance 4. a careful thought

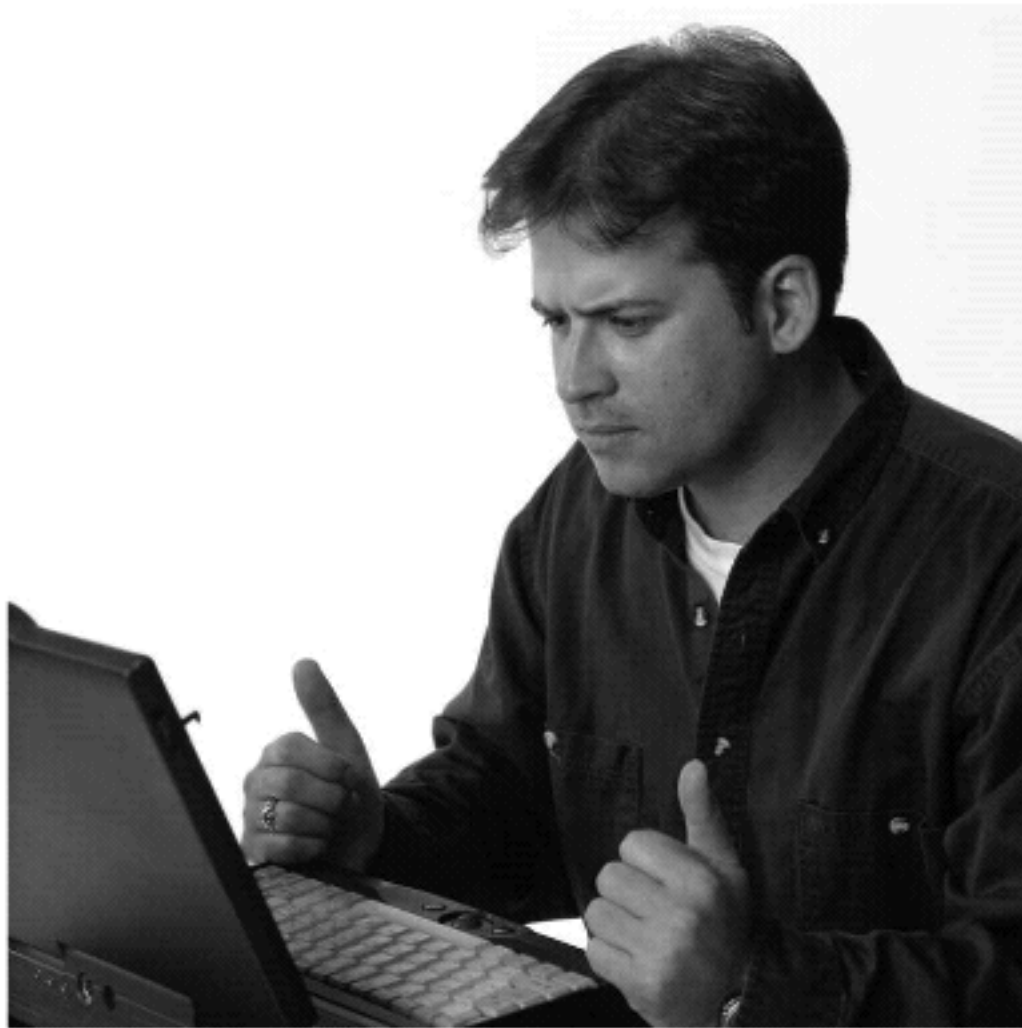
Which definition matches account as it is used in the sentence?

- ☐ **A** definition 1
- ☐ **B** definition 2
- ☐ **C** definition 3
- ☐ **D** definition 4

Joseph is researching for a report about the life and art of Leonardo Da Vinci. Which Web site will provide the most valid source of information for his paper?

- ☐ **A** www.universityofitaly.edu
- ☐ **B** www.italianart/davinci.org
- ☐ **C** www.leonardodavinci.com
- ☐ **D** www.museumoffineart.net

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What is the primary conflict in this photo?

- ☐ **A** person vs. self
- ☐ **B** person vs. nature
- ☐ **C** person vs. person
- ☐ **D** person vs. machine

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- ☐ **C** Studies prove electives give students more opportunities than the basic four core subjects and help them feel in control of their education.
- ☐ **D** According to recent studies, students have the ability to choose electives to explore their interests outside of the four basic core classes.

these subjects and topics while they are young because the brain is growing at a rapid pace. Neurological studies indicate that the synapses in a young, growing brain fire and connect at a more rapid pace than in an adult brain. Therefore, exposing children to a variety of information and subjects at a young age helps them to learn and retain those topics, like language and music. Children are naturally imaginative, have a unique perspective, and are fearless. Why not encourage those traits with as many elective topics as possible? When they love what they learn, you create true, lifelong learners.

The main mission of schools is to make all children successful learners, but not all children have the same talents, abilities, or interests. Not everyone is going to be a star math or English student. Students who struggle in one area may excel in another. I know a man who, as a child, struggled with certain subjects and barely passed some of his classes. Yet, when it came to art class, he was a shining star. He had an amazing talent, and he won awards for the things he created. That gave him the confidence to continue in school and feel good about himself. Even though he was not a superior math or Latin student, he knew he was a talented artist. Instead of feeling unsuccessful, he felt proud of his creativity and accomplishments. As an adult, he still sketches and draws, and it gives him a great deal of happiness. He still keeps a portfolio of his projects using different media and techniques he learned in his elective classes. He may not have known the extent of his talent if it had not been for his wonderful art teachers in the elective classes he chose in school.

Schools need to teach more than basic academics and mandatory classes; they need to create lifelong learners. Schools should strive to produce well-rounded and balanced adults who contribute to their communities in more than one capacity. Schools also need to foster positive morale in our educational facilities by offering electives that give students an outlet to be unique, which makes them more comfortable and more confident learners.

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Read this paragraph.

The speech "Keep Electives in Schools" helps readers and listeners understand the importance of electives to students. The speech outlines several reasons that emphasize the importance of electives, such as maintaining a balanced education, creating well-rounded students and life-long learners, and giving students a creative outlet for their talents. The speaker explains that electives may be the only place where some students will feel successful.

The paragraph is a summary, not a critique, because it

- ☐ **A** persuades the reader to listen to the speech.
- ☐ **B** provides information from the speech.
- ☐ **C** expresses an opinion about electives.
- ☐ **D** describes the benefits of electives.



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Which rhetorical device is used in the excerpt?

- ☐ **A** analogy
- ☐ **B** hyperbole
- ☐ **C** rhetorical question
- ☐ **D** parallelism and repetition



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Which is the best order for the sentences?

- ☐ A 4, 1, 2, 3
- ☐ B 1, 3, 4, 2
- ☐ C 2, 1, 3, 4
- ☐ D 3, 1, 2, 4



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- ☐ **B** Children need exposure to these subjects and topics while they are young because the brain is growing at a rapid pace.
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This excerpt is an example of deductive reasoning because it

- ☐ **A** opens with supporting evidence that leads to a reasonable conclusion.
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Read this excerpt from a Web site.

You can use home remedies to treat a variety of illnesses and afflictions. Examples include mosquito bites, upset stomach, and bee stings. Many herbal treatments are effective when used safely and responsibly. You should be careful to check your sources for reliability before preparing any home remedy.

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- ☐ **A** All illnesses can be treated using home remedies.
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Kayak Klinik—Spend the Day on the Lake

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Which statement presents an opposing view from the Web page?

- ☐ **A** Lake Winamuck is a large body of water.
- ☐ **B** The basics of kayaking are difficult to learn.
- ☐ **C** The kayaks are available for a limited time block.
- ☐ **D** Kayak rentals require reservations at Lake Winamuck.

Look at this illustration.



What can be inferred from this illustration?

- ☐ **A** The woman plans to walk to a park.
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Tyson stepped back and reviewed his work. *Well, that is . . . interesting*, he decided. *What next?* Tyson picked up brown paint and a brush and, working carefully, painted a couple of long, bending branches across the page-covered canvas. Although he had no idea how the final result would look, Tyson felt anticipation coursing through his veins, pushing him to take this creation further.

He cut a few birds out of a nature magazine and glued them to the branches. Then, he hunted until he found an old tube of oil paint and squeezed out large blobs of green paint along the branches, using a brush to push the paint in thick, textured leaf-like shapes.

Tyson stepped back, absently tapping a finger to his lips as he considered his creation. *Almost*, he thought, *but something is missing*. Tyson remembered the broken old clock lying in the garage and, with his mother's permission, removed several gears and coils, using spray paint to transform them. Once dry, Tyson glued the metallic pieces onto the canvas between the leaves on the branches where blossoms might be found. Hearing his mother call him to dinner, Tyson left the project to dry.

When he returned to the room, Tyson looked at his new creation and shrugged. "Looks like Dr. Frankenstein isn't the only guy who can make something out of random stuff."

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The next day, Tyson carried his canvas into the art room, keeping the decorated side turned in toward him. He quickly took his seat as Mrs. Howard asked volunteers to present their work. One by one, students walked to the front of the class, presenting their projects and announcing the medium they had used.

"I am a sculptor," declared one student.

"I work with oil paints," stated another.

Tyson groaned as he tried to imagine what he could say.

I glue random junk to blank canvases, he thought glumly.

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"Um, I decided to . . .," he stammered, looking helplessly into the sea of expectant faces.

"Provide a brilliant example of mixed media art!" finished Mrs. Howard. She went on to explain that mixed media involves combining seemingly random objects and artistic styles into one artistic piece.

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- ☐ **C** popular media within the local art community
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- ☐ A lonely
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- ☐ B the interaction with other characters
- ☐ C the sense of nervousness
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- ☐ **A** exposition
- ☐ **B** rising action
- ☐ **C** falling action
- ☐ **D** resolution



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When I found the time to relax, I often took the opportunity for granted rather than celebrating.

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How can these sentences be combined to form a single compound sentence?

- ☐ **A** We visit the park often enough, yet somehow this time felt different to me.
- ☐ **B** Since we visit the park often enough, somehow this time felt different to me.
- ☐ **C** We visit the park often enough, because somehow this time felt different to me.
- ☐ **D** Although we visit the park often enough, and somehow this time felt different to me.



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Which sentence from Paragraph 5 contains an error in subject–verb agreement?

- ☐ **A** Instead of cluttering the sunny day with worries of the future, I existed only in the present.
- ☐ **B** We played a game of catch, and I recalled the joy I felt when my father and I played catch in the backyard.
- ☐ **C** I ran and jumped, threw and caught, behaving very much like a ten-year-old again.
- ☐ **D** I reminded myself that simplicity, as well as happiness, are often easiest for children to find.



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Read this sentence from the passage.

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Read this thesaurus entry.

subtle (*adjective*) synonyms: implied, indirect, indistinct, understated

Which word is an antonym for subtle?

- ☐ A intriguing
- ☐ B profound
- ☐ C evident
- ☐ D clever



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Read this sentence from the passage.

Carpe diem, I thought as I rose from the bench and ran to join them.

What does the phrase *carpe diem* mean?

- ☐ A "joy of life"
- ☐ B "seize the day"
- ☐ C "the simple life"
- ☐ D "a spirited group"



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Read this sentence from the passage.

Unfortunately even the most beautiful days cannot last forever so as the sun began to set we headed home.

Which revision corrects the punctuation errors?

- ☐ A Unfortunately, even the most beautiful days cannot last forever so, as the sun began to set, we headed home.
- ☐ B Unfortunately, even the most beautiful days cannot last forever; so as the sun began to set, we headed home.
- ☐ C Unfortunately, even the most beautiful days cannot last forever; so, as the sun began to set we headed home.
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- ☐ **C** Despite the disappointment I felt as the day ended, I made a promise to myself.
- ☐ **D** Most importantly, I would not let growing up make me forget the beauty of childhood.



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Which word would be the most precise replacement for thoughts in the sentence?

- ☐ **A** concerns
- ☐ **B** musings
- ☐ **C** dreams
- ☐ **D** ideas



A biology teacher assigned a research project to her class. Which research topic has the highest degree of focus?

- ☐ **A** the history of beekeeping
- ☐ **B** pollinating insects, bees, and birds
- ☐ **C** honeybees, wasps, and winged insects
- ☐ **D** improving bee nutrition for healthier colonies

Which Web site is the best source for information about the Lewis and Clark expedition, which searched for an overland route across U.S. territories to the Pacific coast?

- ☐ **A** www.easyhistoryessays.com
- ☐ **B** www.americanpatriots.tnschool.edu
- ☐ **C** www.school.edu/americanhistory/1700-1900
- ☐ **D** www.portraitsofamericanheroes.org/westwardexpansion

Read this Web page.

Are you struggling with your homework? Do you need just a little extra help with your studies? If so, Tutor Headquarters is the answer to your problems. We have well-trained tutors in cities throughout the state designed to help students just like you. Tutor Headquarters tutors are

- available for grades 9 to 12
- trained to help students with math, science, English, or history
- professionally certified
- friendly and reliable

Call now to schedule your initial meeting with your ideal tutor! Both morning and afternoon sessions are now available!

Which statement opposes information from the Web page?

- ☐ **A** Tutor Headquarters is a statewide service.
- ☐ **B** Tutors are available for a variety of subjects.
- ☐ **C** Tutors are able to help elementary school students.
- ☐ **D** Tutor Headquarters is currently accepting new clients.

Read these sentences.

Cataracts are the clouding of the normally clear eye lens. Cataracts are the number one cause of treatable blindness in the world, affecting forty-eight percent of blind adults. Cataracts are the result of aging, trauma, health, and heredity.

Which graphic would best add support to the information?

- ☐ **A** a photo of an eye
- ☐ **B** a diagram of an eye
- ☐ **C** a photo of an eye doctor
- ☐ **D** a pie chart of causes of blindness

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In what mode is the speech written?

- ☐ **A** narrative
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- 4 If insufficient funds force the library to close its doors, all of these resources will be lost. Those in the community who do not own personal computers will not have access to the wealth of information the Internet provides. Students will no longer have a quiet place away from home to study or access to necessary reference materials when school is not in session. Who will organize the annual book drive if the library no longer can? How many young people will miss the fun of Saturday's Children's Hour?
- 5 As you consider the options before you, I ask you to remember the library's history. The Baybridge Public Library began fifty years ago as a small building in the center of town. Its single room housed only a few dozen books. Over the years, the support of the community encouraged the library's growth. Citizens came to the city council to ask for additional funding, and the council granted their request. In its twentieth year, a series of storms caused extensive damage to the library's inventory. Again, the Baybridge community came together and rebuilt what we had lost.
- 6 The citizens of Baybridge fought hard to create, preserve, and protect our library. Now, that institution faces its gravest crisis yet. When you decide how to distribute next year's budget, please keep the Baybridge Public Library in mind. Remember all that it has meant to our community and all that it may do for us in the future.

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Which sentence from the speech contains the speaker's thesis statement?

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What is the organizational structure of Paragraph 5?

- ☐ **A** order of events
- ☐ **B** problem–solution
- ☐ **C** order of importance
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The speaker encourages the audience to work as a team by

- ☐ **A** immediately asserting authority.
- ☐ **B** demanding that action be taken.
- ☐ **C** offering to listen to the ideas of others.
- ☐ **D** gaining the floor in a respectful manner.



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According to the speaker, which is an effect of closing the public library?

- ☐ **A** Citizens will stop reading books.
- ☐ **B** The local book drive will be canceled.
- ☐ **C** Students will earn poor grades in school.
- ☐ **D** The city council will lose the next election.



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The speaker deleted this sentence from the speech because it contains a logical fallacy.

Either you allow the library to remain open, or you force our citizens into a state of ignorance.

Which logical fallacy does the sentence contain?

- ☐ A false analogy
- ☐ B appeal to fear
- ☐ C false dilemma
- ☐ D personal attack



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Which primary source of information supports the speaker's argument in the speech?

- ☐ **A** an encyclopedia entry about the history of public libraries
- ☐ **B** an interview with a local citizen about preserving public libraries
- ☐ **C** a newspaper article discussing the importance of public libraries
- ☐ **D** a magazine article about the increasing popularity of public libraries



Which is a primary source for a report about Sir Edmund Hillary's expedition to be the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest?

- ☐ **A** a biography about Sir Edmund Hillary
- ☐ **B** an encyclopedia entry about Mount Everest
- ☐ **C** a textbook chapter about mountainous regions
- ☐ **D** a journal entry from a mountaineer during an expedition

Read this excerpt from a poem.

The crisp autumn air reaches
through the branches
of half-bare trees
tickling my arms.

Which figure of speech does this excerpt contain?

- ☐ **A** personification
- ☐ **B** hyperbole
- ☐ **C** simile
- ☐ **D** pun

Read the excerpt from a short story.

Madison looked out from behind the curtains. Families waiting for the piano recital to begin filled the seats of the theater. Taking a deep breath, she stepped back, eager for the performances to begin.

As she moved away, Royce stepped up to take Madison's place. Looking out at the crowd, he breathed deeply in an attempt to calm his jangling nerves. This was his first performance in a piano recital and although he knew he was prepared, he could still feel the butterflies filling his stomach.

The excerpt is written from which point of view?

- ☐ **A** first person
- ☐ **B** third-person limited
- ☐ **C** third-person objective
- ☐ **D** third-person omniscient

Read this poem.

The rain falls in sheets around the city.
It covers the flowers in blankets and
flows over the car in a warm embrace.
The rain drapes itself over the grass,
giving back the color stolen by the sun.

What does the rain represent in the poem?

- ☐ **A** life
- ☐ **B** peace
- ☐ **C** energy
- ☐ **D** comfort

This photo appears in a brochure for the town botanical gardens.



Which element is used to convey a sense of welcome?

- ☐ **A** object arrangement
- ☐ **B** special effects
- ☐ **C** camera angle
- ☐ **D** lighting

Read these sentences.

As a child I loved it. When my mother read to me. She had to read me book after book, and even then that was not enough. I always insisted, "Just one more, please."

What is the best way to correct the underlined section?

- ☐ **A** I loved it, as a child, when my mother read to me.
- ☐ **B** As a child when my mother read to me, I loved it.
- ☐ **C** When my mother read to me, as a child I loved it.
- ☐ **D** As a child, I loved it when my mother read to me.

Read this sentence.

Lilly could not fall asleep she was excited about her first day of school.

What is the correct way to revise the underlined section to correct the run-on sentence?

- ☐ **A** asleep: she
- ☐ **B** asleep- she
- ☐ **C** asleep but she
- ☐ **D** asleep because she

Read these sentences.

Thomas Jefferson was the third president of the United States of America. He wrote the Declaration of Independence. He was also an inventor.

What is the best way to combine the sentences?

- ☐ **A** He was the third president of the United States of America, an inventor and Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence.
- ☐ **B** Thomas Jefferson was an inventor, wrote the Declaration of Independence, and became the third president of the United States of America.
- ☐ **C** Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence and was an inventor and he became the third president of the United States of America.
- ☐ **D** He was an inventor, writer of the Declaration of Independence and Thomas Jefferson became the third president of the United States of America.

Look at the photo.



What is the primary conflict in this photo?

- ☐ **A** person vs. self
- ☐ **B** person vs. nature
- ☐ **C** person vs. person
- ☐ **D** person vs. machine

Read this research report and the short story, then answer questions 5 through 13.

The First High Flier

The man stood high above the audience, wearing a skin-tight garment. No one had ever seen someone do what he was about to do—jump from one swinging bar to another while suspended in the air, doing a midair somersault. People swung from bar to bar on the ground, but who could imagine doing that in the air without a net? He did that, though, soaring through the air like a bird, defying gravity, and taking the breath away from his audience. The French acrobat Jules Leotard was the first to perform on the flying trapeze in a twelve-minute act that took the world by storm.

"He'd fly through the air with the greatest of ease, / That daring young man on the flying trapeze." The wistful 1868 song still sung to children is about Jules Leotard. His first performance was at Paris's *Cirque Napoleon*, on November 12, 1859. The costume he wore still bears his name: the leotard, which is popular with dancers and gymnasts. This form-fitting garment kept him from getting entangled with the ropes while he performed his stunts.

Leotard's father was a gymnastics teacher and taught his son the skills to be an acrobat. Leotard first began practicing his flying trapeze act over the swimming pool in his father's gymnasium, using the water below to break his fall. After his initial performance, he traveled through Europe with his fellow acrobats and eventually performed at the Alhambra Theatre in England.

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I will need the net, I grumbled to myself, willing my hands to stop sweating but failing miserably. The trapeze artist chatted with the class as he strapped me into a safety harness that did not particularly reduce my anxiety.

The man clapped me on the back, and said, "All you're going to do is swing back and forth, and you're not even going to jump to the other bar. You've got nothing to worry about!" He meant this to be comforting, but it only irritated me. Just because he spent every day flying fifty feet above the ground did not mean the rest of us were used to seeing the tops of our friends' heads.

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What is the implied main idea of the paragraph?

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- ☐ **A** It highlights the most important information in the article.
- ☐ **B** It condenses the information in the passage and adds related facts.
- ☐ **C** It shows the most important events during that time period and how Leotard impacted the world.
- ☐ **D** It expands on the life of Jules Leotard to provide a more complete description of the trapeze artist.



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- ☐ D order of importance



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- ☐ **A** Both overcame difficult challenges.
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- ☐ A a photograph of a person in a harness on a trapeze
- ☐ B a photograph of a modern trapeze with a safety net
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- ☐ **B** The short story describes the character's thoughts, whereas the article describes the subject's actions.
- ☐ **C** The short story makes flying on a trapeze seem enjoyable, whereas the article makes it seem dangerous.
- ☐ **D** The short story allows the reader to draw a conclusion, whereas the article leads the reader to a given conclusion.



Which sentence uses the underlined word correctly?

- ☐ **A** No one anticipated how the cancellation of the science test would effect the students.
- ☐ **B** The principal of the matter is that no one should be in the building before school starts.
- ☐ **C** Many students chose to attend our school because of the helpful guidance from our principle.
- ☐ **D** I did not realize how much forgetting my homework would affect my grade on my first report card.

Read this excerpt from a magazine article.

Every day, millions of Americans must cope with fatigue. Work, school, and personal problems make an exhausting combination for adults and children alike. Unfortunately, most people do not realize that they can use exercise to combat the effects of fatigue.

Based on this excerpt, what is most likely the author's purpose for writing the article?

- ☐ **A** to persuade the reader that fatigue is unavoidable
- ☐ **B** to educate the reader about the benefits of exercise
- ☐ **C** to describe the connection between work and fatigue
- ☐ **D** to compare the active lifestyles of children and adults

Read this paragraph.

All the signs of fall are starting to reveal themselves. The leaves are beginning to change, and there is a cool breeze in the air. From the harsh blazing sun of summer, to the softer, golden light of autumn. The light outside is subtly beginning to change.

Which sentence is the best revision of the underlined section?

- ☐ **A** Subtly, the light is beginning to change, from the harsh, blazing sun of summer, to the softer, golden light of autumn.
- ☐ **B** The light is beginning to change, subtly, to the softer golden light of autumn, from the harsh blazing sun of summer.
- ☐ **C** Subtly, to the softer, golden light of autumn, the light is beginning to change from the harsh, blazing sun of summer.
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Look at the photo.



What can be inferred from this photo?

- ☐ **A** A woman is admiring a boat.
- ☐ **B** The women are on a vacation.
- ☐ **C** A woman is stuck on the rocks.
- ☐ **D** The women are taking pictures.

Form 5: English 1

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27	A	3001.5.10 Identify a false premise in text.
28	A	3001.5.11 Distinguish the strongest or weakest point of an argument within a passage.
29	B	3001.4.5 Determine which statement presents an opposing view from those stated on a Web page.

30	D	3001.7.6 Infer the mood represented in a non-print medium.
31	B	3001.3.5 Demonstrate the ability to combine a set of simple sentences into a longer, more interesting sentence.
32	D	3001.4.1 Select the research topic with the highest degree of focus.
33	A	3001.8.2 Differentiate among verbal, situational, and dramatic irony.
34	B	3001.8.7 Differentiate between mood and tone in poetry or prose.
35	C	3001.8.8 Determine the impact of setting on literary elements (i.e., plot, character, theme, tone).
36	C	3001.8.14 Identify classical, historical, and literary allusions in context.
37	B	3001.8.15 Identify and analyze basic elements of plot (i.e., exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution/denouement).
38	B	3001.1.1 Demonstrate an understanding of the eight parts of speech, including their troublesome aspects, such as how to form the past and past participle of irregular but commonly used verbs.
39	A	3001.1.4 Combine a set of simple sentences into a single compound or complex sentence.
40	D	3001.1.7 Recognize correct subject-verb agreement with intervening elements.
41	C	3001.1.15 Use a sample reference source to determine aspects of a given word (e.g., spelling, part of speech, definition, cognates, etymology, synonyms).
42	B	3001.1.16 Identify commonly used foreign words and phrases (i.e., RSVP, déjà vu, faux pas, du jour, bon voyage, alma mater, cum laude, femme fatale, esprit de corps, verbatim, E pluribus unum, prima donna, avant-garde, status quo, joie de vivre, carte blanche, caveat emptor, alpha and omega, tabula rasa, hoi polloi, ad nauseam).
43	D	3001.3.1 Proofread a passage for correct punctuation, mechanics, and usage.
44	D	3001.3.6 Select the thesis statement in a writing sample or passage.

45	A	3001.3.14 Select the most precise word to provide clarity appropriate to audience and purpose.
46	D	3001.4.1 Select the research topic with the highest degree of focus.
47	D	3001.4.4 Evaluate the validity of Web pages as sources of information.
48	C	3001.4.5 Determine which statement presents an opposing view from those stated on a Web page
49	B	3001.6.2 Use the graphics of informational and technical passages to answer questions.
50	C	3001.3.15 Identify the mode in which a writing sample is written.
51	B	3001.2.1 Identify the thesis and main points of a challenging speech.
52	A	3001.2.4 Discern the structure of a challenging speech (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
53	D	3001.2.7 Select the most appropriate strategies for participating productively in a team (e.g., gaining the floor in orderly, respectful ways and listen with civility to the ideas of others; identify the needs of the team and sharing various resources to respond to those needs; establishing clear group agreements and ensuring appropriate individual contributions are respected by the team).
54	B	3001.5.4 Analyze cause-effect relationships in text.
55	C	3001.5.6 Identify and analyze the logical fallacy (i.e., appeal to fear, personal attack {ad hominem}, false dilemma, false analogy) within a given argument.
56	B	3001.4.2 Differentiate between primary and secondary sources.
57	D	3001.4.2 Differentiate between primary and secondary sources.
58	A	3001.8.1 Identify and analyze examples of idiom, metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, or pun in poetry or prose.
59	D	3001.8.3 Identify and analyze an author's point of view (i.e., first person, third-person objective, third-person limited, third-person omniscient).

60	D	3001.8.5 Determine the significance/meaning of a symbol in poetry or prose.
61	A	3001.7.4 Determine the impact of production elements (e.g., font, color, layout, graphics, light, camera angle) on a message.
62	D	3001.1.3 Use a variety of techniques to correct sentence fragments.
63	D	3001.1.6 Correct a run-on sentence by using a comma and coordinating conjunction, subordinate conjunction, or semicolon.
64	B	3001.3.5 Demonstrate the ability to combine a set of simple sentences into a longer, more interesting sentence.
65	B	3001.7.2 Select the type of conflict represented in a non-print medium.
66	D	3001.5.3 Evaluate text for fact and opinion.
67	C	3001.6.1 Discern the stated or implied main idea and supporting details of informational and technical passages.
68	B	3001.6.2 Use the graphics of informational and technical passages to answer questions.
69	C	3001.6.4 Identify the organizational structure of an informational or technical text (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
70	C	3001.6.5 Synthesize information across two or more informational or technical texts.
71	A	3001.6.3 Determine the appropriateness of a graphic used to support an informational or technical passage.
72	C	3001.3.10 Identify the targeted audience for a selected passage.
73	D	3001.7.7 Consider the treatment of a particular subject or event in two or more media (e.g., newspaper and visual art, narrative and poem, diary and magazine article).
74	B	3001.8.16 Analyze how form relates to meaning (e.g., compare a poem and a newspaper article on the same theme or topic).

75	D	3001.1.13 Select the appropriate word in frequently confused pairs (i.e., to/too/two, their/there/they're, its/it's, your/you're, whose/who's, which/that/who, accept/except, affect/effect, between/among, capitol/capital, principal/principle, who/whom, stationary/stationery, allusion/illusion, complement/compliment, cite/site/sight, counsel/council, coarse/course, farther/further, lose/loose, fewer/less).
76	B	3001.3.11 Determine the writer's purpose in a writing sample.
77	D	3001.3.1 Proofread a passage for correct punctuation, mechanics, and usage.
78	B	3001.7.1 Draw an inference from a non-print medium.

Reporting Category 1: Language

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
1	C	3001.1.2 Identify the patterns of a given set of sentences (i.e., subject-verb, subject-action verb-direct object, subject-action verb-indirect object-direct object, subject-linking verb- subject complement, subject-action verb-direct object-object complement).
2	D	3001.1.12 Use context clues and/or knowledge of roots, affixes, and cognates to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
14	A	3001.1.9 Select correct pronoun-antecedent agreement using collective nouns or indefinite pronouns.
15	A	3001.1.12 Use context clues and/or knowledge of roots, affixes, and cognates to determine the meaning of unfamiliar words.
16	B	3001.1.15 Use a sample reference source to determine aspects of a given word (e.g., spelling, part of speech, definition, cognates, etymology, synonyms).
38	B	3001.1.1 Demonstrate an understanding of the eight parts of speech, including their troublesome aspects, such as how to form the past and past participle of irregular but commonly used verbs.
39	A	3001.1.4 Combine a set of simple sentences into a single compound or complex sentence.
40	D	3001.1.7 Recognize correct subject-verb agreement with intervening elements.
41	C	3001.1.15 Use a sample reference source to determine aspects of a given word (e.g., spelling, part of speech, definition, cognates, etymology, synonyms).
42	B	3001.1.16 Identify commonly used foreign words and phrases (i.e., RSVP, déjà vu, faux pas, du jour, bon voyage, alma mater, cum laude, femme fatale, esprit de corps, verbatim, E pluribus unum, prima donna, avant-garde, status quo, joie de vivre, carte blanche, caveat emptor, alpha and omega, tabula rasa, hoi polloi, ad nauseam).
62	D	3001.1.3 Use a variety of techniques to correct sentence fragments.

63	D	3001.1.6 Correct a run-on sentence by using a comma and coordinating conjunction, subordinate conjunction, or semicolon.
75	D	3001.1.13 Select the appropriate word in frequently confused pairs (i.e., to/too/two, their/there/they're, its/it's, your/you're, whose/who's, which/that/who, accept/except, affect/effect, between/among, capitol/capital, principal/principle, who/whom, stationary/stationery, allusion/illusion, complement/compliment, cite/site/sight, counsel/council, coarse/course, farther/further, lose/loose, fewer/less).

Reporting Category 2: Writing and Research

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
3	C	3001.3.4 Select a vivid word (e.g., adjective, adverb, verb) to strengthen a written description.
17	B	3001.4.3 Evaluate the reliability and credibility of sources for use in research.
22	C	3001.3.2 Choose the most effective order of sentences in a paragraph.
23	B	3001.3.9 Identify a statement that reveals the writer's attitude.
24	A	3001.3.13 Select the proper format to convey a set of work-related information.
29	B	3001.4.5 Determine which statement presents an opposing view from those stated on a Web page.
31	B	3001.3.5 Demonstrate the ability to combine a set of simple sentences into a longer, more interesting sentence.
32	D	3001.4.1 Select the research topic with the highest degree of focus.
43	D	3001.3.1 Proofread a passage for correct punctuation, mechanics, and usage.
44	D	3001.3.6 Select the thesis statement in a writing sample or passage.
45	A	3001.3.14 Select the most precise word to provide clarity appropriate to audience and purpose.
46	D	3001.4.1 Select the research topic with the highest degree of focus.
47	D	3001.4.4 Evaluate the validity of Web pages as sources of information.
48	C	3001.4.5 Determine which statement presents an opposing view from those stated on a Web page
50	C	3001.3.15 Identify the mode in which a writing sample is written.

56	B	3001.4.2 Differentiate between primary and secondary sources.
57	D	3001.4.2 Differentiate between primary and secondary sources.
64	B	3001.3.5 Demonstrate the ability to combine a set of simple sentences into a longer, more interesting sentence.
72	C	3001.3.10 Identify the targeted audience for a selected passage.
76	B	3001.3.11 Determine the writer's purpose in a writing sample.
77	D	3001.3.1 Proofread a passage for correct punctuation, mechanics, and usage.

Reporting Category 3: Communication and Media

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
9	B	3001.2.2 Distinguish between a summary and a paraphrase.
10	B	3001.2.7 Select the most appropriate strategies for participating productively in a team (e.g., gaining the floor in orderly, respectful ways and listen with civility to the ideas of others; identify the needs of the team and sharing various resources to respond to those needs; establishing clear group agreements and ensuring appropriate individual contributions are respected by the team).
12	C	3001.7.3 Choose a visual image that best reinforces a viewpoint.
13	D	3001.7.1 Draw an inference from a non-print medium.
18	D	3001.7.2 Select the type of conflict represented in a non-print medium.
19	A	3001.2.2 Distinguish between a summary and a paraphrase.
20	B	3001.2.3 Distinguish between a critique and a summary.
21	C	3001.2.5 Identify rhetorical devices used in a challenging speech (i.e., rhetorical questions, parallelism and repetition, analogies, and hyperbole).
30	D	3001.7.6 Infer the mood represented in a non-print medium.
51	B	3001.2.1 Identify the thesis and main points of a challenging speech.
52	A	3001.2.4 Discern the structure of a challenging speech (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
53	D	3001.2.7 Select the most appropriate strategies for participating productively in a team (e.g., gaining the floor in orderly, respectful ways and listen with civility to the ideas of others; identify the needs of the team and sharing various resources to respond to those needs; establishing clear group agreements and ensuring appropriate individual contributions are respected by the team).
61	A	3001.7.4 Determine the impact of production elements (e.g., font, color, layout, graphics, light, camera angle) on a message.

65	B	3001.7.2 Select the type of conflict represented in a non-print medium.
73	D	3001.7.7 Consider the treatment of a particular subject or event in two or more media (e.g., newspaper and visual art, narrative and poem, diary and magazine article).
78	B	3001.7.1 Draw an inference from a non-print medium.

Reporting Category 4: Logic

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
4	A	3001.5.1 Make inferences and draw conclusions based on evidence in text.
5	D	3001.5.2 Choose a logical word to complete an analogy.
25	B	3001.5.7 Differentiate between the stated and implied evidence of a given argument.
26	B	3001.5.8 Determine whether a given argument employs deductive or inductive reasoning.
27	A	3001.5.10 Identify a false premise in text.
28	A	3001.5.11 Distinguish the strongest or weakest point of an argument within a passage.
54	B	3001.5.4 Analyze cause-effect relationships in text.
55	C	3001.5.6 Identify and analyze the logical fallacy (i.e., appeal to fear, personal attack {ad hominem}, false dilemma, false analogy) within a given argument.
66	D	3001.5.3 Evaluate text for fact and opinion.

Reporting Category 5: Informational Text

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
49	B	3001.6.2 Use the graphics of informational and technical passages to answer questions.
67	C	3001.6.1 Discern the stated or implied main idea and supporting details of informational and technical passages.
68	B	3001.6.2 Use the graphics of informational and technical passages to answer questions.
69	C	3001.6.4 Identify the organizational structure of an informational or technical text (e.g., sequential, problem-solution, comparison-contrast, cause-effect).
70	C	3001.6.5 Synthesize information across two or more informational or technical texts.
71	A	3001.6.3 Determine the appropriateness of a graphic used to support an informational or technical passage.

Reporting Category 6: Literature

Item Number	Correct Answer	Performance Indicator
6	B	3001.8.7 Differentiate between mood and tone in poetry or prose.
7	A	3001.8.10 Demonstrate knowledge of sound and metric devices (i.e., rhyme {internal, slant}, rhythm, repetition, alliteration, onomatopoeia).
8	C	3001.8.11 Demonstrate knowledge of the characteristics of lyric poetry, epics, sonnets, dramatic poetry, and ballads.
11	D	3001.8.8 Determine the impact of setting on literary elements (i.e., plot, character, theme, tone).
33	A	3001.8.2 Differentiate among verbal, situational, and dramatic irony.
34	B	3001.8.7 Differentiate between mood and tone in poetry or prose.
35	C	3001.8.8 Determine the impact of setting on literary elements (i.e., plot, character, theme, tone).
36	C	3001.8.14 Identify classical, historical, and literary allusions in context.
37	B	3001.8.15 Identify and analyze basic elements of plot (i.e., exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, resolution/denouement).
58	A	3001.8.1 Identify and analyze examples of idiom, metaphor, simile, personification, hyperbole, or pun in poetry or prose.
59	D	3001.8.3 Identify and analyze an author's point of view (i.e., first person, third-person objective, third-person limited, third-person omniscient).
60	D	3001.8.5 Determine the significance/meaning of a symbol in poetry or prose.
74	B	3001.8.16 Analyze how form relates to meaning (e.g., compare a poem and a newspaper article on the same theme or topic).